Prayer Corner

Prayers for health concerns:
Doris Rochleau
Elliot Noble
The Beadel Family

For those who are remembering loved ones...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge...

Area farmers for a safe harvest...

Persons who do not have a relationship with God and are searching for something in life...

Those fighting addictions and/or mental illness...

Care Center Residents...

Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers, administrators, students...

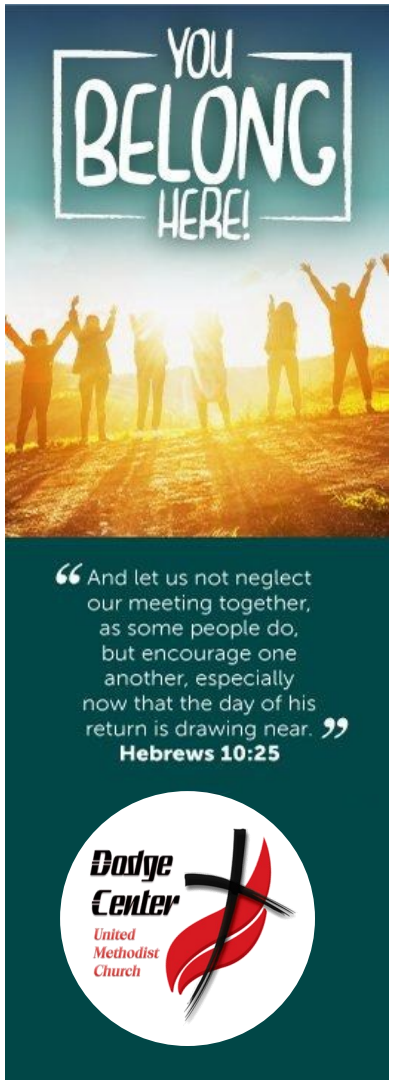
Service women & men and their families...

Local health care professionals, group home, & care center workers...

Law enforcement & emergency workers...

Area congregations...

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, please contact the Church Office at 507.374.6885 or secdcumc@gmail.com212



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	94
IN PERSON	37
TOTAL	131



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

Full HD 1080 livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ACCOMPANIST: Janet Bugarin

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The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

🚶 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS [1]

The Master eventually returns, and an accounting takes place.
Fidelity is measured not by how much we have been given,
but by what we do with what we are given.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE UMH #507 - "Through It All"

CALL TO WORSHIP [2]

Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth.

We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.

Awaken your mind to the mysteries of God.

We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.

Notice your blessings and gifts, miraculously given by God.

**We offer our lives and gifts to bless
and grow God's love in the world.**

🚶 **PRAISE** UMH #89 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

🚶 **OPENING PRAYER** [3]

Gracious and Generous God, You have entrusted us with gifts, time, and resources not to hide in fear or keep for ourselves, but to invest in Your kingdom of love and justice. Forgive us when timidity or self-doubt holds us back from serving You boldly.

Live Streaming...

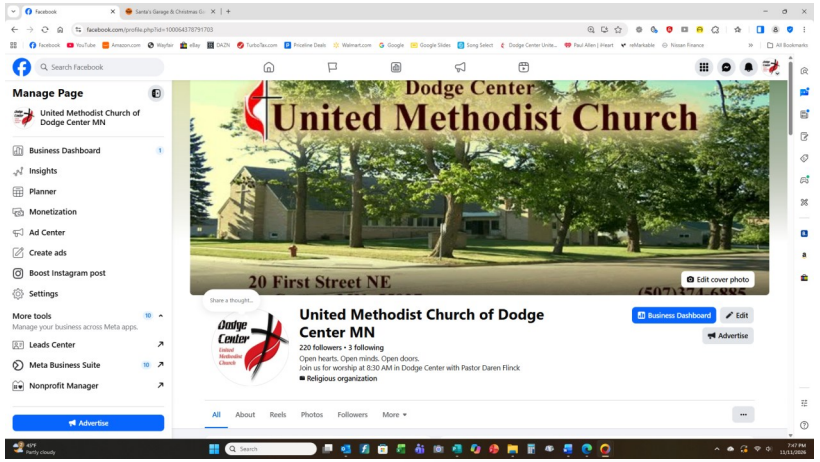
You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at this app channel:

Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel
Dodge Center Facebook page

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above location even after the service is over. For questions, please contact Pastor Daren.

Our Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page that seeks to promote the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Go to Facebook and search for Dodge Center United Methodist Church.

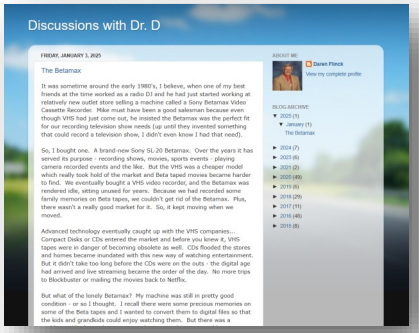


Pastor Daren's Blog

Pastor Daren has a blog that provides insights and behind the scenes

reflections on our busy lives today. Here is the link to Pastor Daren's blog - subscribe to it today (no cost):

revdaren.blogspot.com



Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

507 "Through It All"

The gospel hymn "Through It All" was written and composed in 1971 by American gospel music pioneer Andraé Crouch. Crouch wrote the song during a period of deep personal trial and a concert tour in California, reflecting on moments of loneliness, tears, sorrows, and uncertainty. The song serves as a musical testimony expressing that life's hardships — the mountains, valleys, and storms—teach believers how to rely on God.

89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

This hymn was written in 1907 by Presbyterian minister and Princeton professor Henry van Dyke. He was inspired by the natural beauty of the surrounding Berkshire Mountains, aiming to write an expression of Christian joy, gratitude, and hope. The words are sung to the "Ode to Joy" melody from the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, originally composed between 1817 and 1823.

389 "Freely, Freely"

The Christian hymn "Freely, Freely" (also known by its opening line, "God Forgave My Sin in Jesus' Name") was written in 1972 by songwriter Carol Owens. She conceived the song one morning while reading the Gospels. It is directly inspired by Matthew 10:8 ("Freely you have received; freely give") as well as themes of grace and forgiveness from the New Testament.

70 "Glory Be to the Father"

The Gloria Patri (Latin for "Glory Be to the Father) from the third and fourth centuries, also known as the Lesser Doxology, is derived from several verses in the psalms and New Testament epistles. When we sing it, we join with centuries of Christians in praise of God. The Gloria Patri may be sung after the psalms or canticles to provide a trinitarian ending or as an act of praise following the opening prayer and on other occasions as an alternative to the Greater Doxology (Gloria in Excelsis). The vibrant nineteenth century tunes GREATOREX and MEINKE are both widely used in United Methodist congregations.

94 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Before the Protestant Reformation, only professional musicians were allowed to sing in church. In Germany, Martin Luther began writing new hymns (including "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") and taught that everyone should sing praises to God. This version known as "FAIRHILL" comes from 1972 as part of a modern effort to make traditional liturgy accessible. The composer was Jimmy Owens (born 1930), a contemporary Christian songwriter and musician. The song still uses the classic 17th-century text by Bishop Thomas Ken. It was designed for ease of congregational singing, and it is often used in contemporary, Anglican, and evangelical settings. As always, it is usually used as the offering song.

413 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

The classic Christian hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" was written by Charles Wesley and first published in 1762 in his collection Short Hymns on Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures. The text is directly inspired by Leviticus 8:35, where Moses commands Aaron and his sons regarding their priestly duties: "Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, that ye die not."

These descriptions are found in the book
"The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez
and other sources from the internet.

Open our eyes to see the opportunities around us, and grant us the courage, wisdom, and faithfulness to use what You have given us for Your glory. As we gather today, center our hearts on Your presence and guide our hands to be faithful servants in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAISE — UMH #389 - "Freely, Freely"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Page 28 - Pew Bible) — Matthew 25:14-30

GLORIA PATRI — UMH #70 - "Glory Be to the Father"

MESSAGE — "Personal Choices: Buried Treasure"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

🚶 DOXOLOGY — UMH #94 - "Praise God From Whom"

🚶 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

🚶 PRAISE — UMH #413 - "A Charge to Keep I Have"

🚶 THE BENEDICTION - 🚶 POSTLUDE

Women With a Purpose...

Women With A Purpose (WWAP) WWAP will meet Saturday September 19th at 9:30 AM at the church. Feel free to bring a friend and a snack to share if you wish. Join us for an informal time of fellowship!

Meals on Wheels...

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed for November. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Your willingness to help deliver meals to people in our community is a blessing. Thank you!



Anyone who wishes to purchase a poinsettia this year for the Advent/Christmas season may fill out the form on the back table and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 6th.** You may also email the church with your order by Dec. 11th and we can get your order in for you. The church email address is: **secdcumc@gmail.com**

Please circle what size plant you would like.

4 1/2" plants - $5.00 each

6 1/2" plants - $13.00 each

7 1/2" plants - $27.00 each

Please circle what color you would like. (Colors cannot be guaranteed)

Flower colors: Red, white, pink, and jingle bells (red & white)

I wish this to be in memory of:

I wish this to be in honor of:

Given by:

You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Community Dinner

Menu: Turkey, potatoes, vegetable and bars

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church
Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE

Free will donations accepted.

Donations this month will go to the Lion's Club Santa Anonymous.

Link to sign up to set up, donate food, serve or clean up is below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-67073085-umcfree

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30 - NRSV

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property. to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
PROVERBS 3:5

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